

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application. Applicant notes with appreciation that the Office Action indicates that claims 1-16 are allowed.

FIG. 1 of the drawings is objected to for not including a "PRIOR ART" labels. FIG. 1 is amended above to include the legend "PRIOR ART," as suggested in the Office Action at page 2, paragraph 1. Reconsideration of the objection to the drawings is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 6, 8, 11, and 12 are objected to for informalities stated in the Office Action at page 2, paragraphs 2 and 3. The claims are amended in a manner that is believed to overcome the objections. Specifically, claims 5, 6, 11, and 12 are amended such that the issues related to antecedent basis are addressed. Claim 8 is amended to be correctly dependent on claim 7. Claim 5 is further amended to clarify that the first control signal generating circuit comprises a third PMOS transistor, a fourth PMOS transistor, and a fifth NMOS transistor. Claim 6 is further amended to clarify that the first control signal generating circuit comprises a third PMOS transistor, a fourth PMOS transistor, and a fifth NMOS transistor. Claim 11 is further amended to clarify that the first control signal generating circuit comprises a third NMOS transistor, a fourth NMOS transistor, and a fifth PMOS transistor. Entry of the amendments to claims 5, 6, 8, 11, and 12 is respectfully requested.

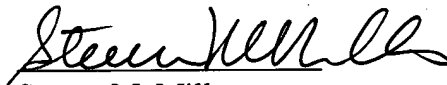
In addition, claim 10 is amended to clarify that the source of a second NMOS transistor is supplied with a ground voltage. This feature is illustrated at least at Figure 5 of the present specification. In this example, a bit-line sense amplifier 530 comprises a second NMOS transistor MN1. The source of the second NMOS transistor MN1 is supplied with a ground voltage VSS. Accordingly, entry to the amendment of claim 10 is respectfully requested.

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In view of the amendments to the claims and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that all claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully solicited. If a telephone conference will expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include a change to FIG. 1. The sheet, which includes FIG. 1, replaces the original sheet. Specifically, FIG. 1 has been amended to include the legend "PRIOR ART", which was missing from the original sheets.

A marked-up version of the drawing, with the revision shown in red, is included with the amended drawing. Entry of the amendment to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes



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FIG. 1 (PRIOR ART)

